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OUTRAGED: Angry Iraqis peer through the silver fence of the holy shrine of Shia Islam in Najaf, which sustained minor damage when clashes broke out between U.S. forces and Shiite militiamen loyal radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Tuesday. 💠 More: U.S. military denies charges it fired on shrine | Page 6

Intel Points to Summer Plot

Terrorists believed to be planning major strike inside U.S.

WASHINGTON | U.S. officials have obtained new intelligence deemed highly credible indicating al Qaeda or other terrorists are in the United States and preparing to launch a major attack this summer, The Associated Press has learned.

The intelligence does not include a time, place or method of attack but is among the most disturbing received by the government since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, according to a senior federal counterterrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday.

Of most concern, the official said, is that

terrorists may possess and use a chemical, biological or radiological weapon that could cause much more damage and casualties than a conventional bomb.

The official declined to provide any specifics about the sources of the information but said there was an unusually high level of corroboration.

Despite that, the official said there was no immediate plan to raise the nation's terrorism threat level from vellow, or elevated, to orange, or high. Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller



plan a news conference Wednesday to outline an intensive effort by law enforcement, intelligence and homeland security officials to detect and disrupt any potential plots.

Beginning with Saturday's dedication of the new

World War II Memorial in Washington, the summer presents a number of high-profile targets in the United States, including the Democratic National Convention in Boston in July and the Republican National Convention in August in New York. curt anderson (AP)

LAW | Sticky Issue Ultra-tidy Singapore is lifting its ban on chewing gum after I2 long years — but only for registered users. Before Singaporeans can unwrap a pack of the Wrigley's Orbit gum that has just gone on sale there -



and only in pharmacies — they have to submit their names and ID card numbers. Gum dealers face jail if they break the rules. The city-state had imposed the ban to keep wads of gum off its pristine streets. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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EXITS

Swan Song

The ubiquitous "singing policeman" of New York City might still sing, but he won't be a policeman for much longer. Daniel Rodriguez on Tuesday gave what was billed as his last public performance before his retirement from the NYPD. Rodriguez, who soared to national notoriety after he sang during events after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, lent his tenor voice to an advertising campaign to bring tourists to Hilton hotels. He performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America" with a human "bellboard" a billboard made of signs held by Hilton bellhops — as his backdrop. (EXPRESS)



EDUCATION Hiding Their Porn

One of the rites of spring is canceled at Western Washington University - the annual Pornfest, Officials at the Bellingham, Wash., school have

decided to pull the plug on Pornfest after 12 years. The school had come under fire for allowing activities like a condom hunt and a self-gratification information booth. The event had been organized by the school's

Sexual Awareness Center, Center director Hanako Lombardi says students will miss out on an opportunity to learn more about sexuality. She says Pornfest may someday return in very different form. (AP)

CRIME

Pay at the Pump

A Miami man was sentenced to five months in prison for using 270 counterfeit Postal Service credit cards to buy \$230,000 worth of gasoline at 203 different stations. According to prosecutors, federal agents watched one day as Humberto Ulloa, 27, drove his 1992 Chevy pickup to several Miamiarea stations where he made seven consecutive purchases of gas, totaling more than 162 gallons. He'll have to pay \$2,419 in restitution. (AP)

HEALTH **A Breathless Bride**

It was love at first sweat. Fitness fanatics Karen Devereaux and Nick Taylor of Columbia, S.C., tied the knot over the weekend at a triathlon. They dressed for the occasion in black-and-white racing suits. She wore a veil with hers, while the groom had on a bow tie. They tell the State newspaper of Columbia, S.C., they'll get a running start on marriage. The newlyweds plan a honeymoon triathlon, with another weekend of biking, swimming and running. (AP)

PFTS **Finding Fred**

Fred the parakeet has returned home four years after flying away. The bird with the chipped beak recently was reunited with its owner, 11-yearold Aaron Edwards of Parkersburg, W.Va. "Aaron prayed every weekend, and I finally said to him, 'He ain't coming home.' That was three weeks ago," said Aaron's father, Mike, "Man, did I ever eat my words." Last Friday, Kenny Balderson, a friend of Edwards's, looked



up at a tree near his Pettyville home and there was Fred. He called the bird by name and it flew down to him. Balderson then returned the bird. (AP)

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In Brief

ALBANY, N.Y.

Vt., N.Y. Officials To Share FBI Anti-Terror Information

Police in New York and Vermont will be able to instantly check suspects against the U.S. government's terrorist watch lists under a first-ofits-kind, FBI-coordinated program announced Tuesday. FBI Director Robert Mueller said the system also will give state and local police a direct line to federal agents to report suspicious activities. (AP)

KNOXVILLE. TENN.

Four Arrested in Death Of Motorist Struck by Rock

Four men were arrested Tuesday in the death of a vehicle passenger who was struck by a 10-pound rock dropped from a highway overpass, authorities said. Two of the men apparently told family and friends that they were involved in the death of 69-year-old Barbara Weimer, said Sheriff Tim Hutchison. The relatives called police. (AP)

NEW YORK

New Power Source Opens At World Trade Center Site

A new electric substation opened this month at the World Trade Center site, providing a direct source of power to the area for the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. (AP)

Correction:

A caption on page one of Tuesday's Express included incorrect information about Michelangelo's statue of David. The sculpture is on display at the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence.

Bush Seeks to Rally Support on Iraq

President confers with world leaders on U.S. plan for transition

WASHINGTON | President George W. Bush sought on Tuesday to rally international support for the transfer of power in Iraq, saying that even European leaders who opposed the war now "share the same goal" of a budding democracy.

After a major speech on Iraq, Bush spoke by phone Tuesday with French President Jacques Chirac, who has been one of the fiercest critics of U.S. policy there.

"What President Chirac and others have said is they want to make sure that the transfer of sovereignty to the interim government is a real transfer and that's what we want," Bush said in the Oval Office, where he met with Iraqi men whose right hands were cut off by deposed President Saddam Hussein's regime.

"We want there to be a complete and real transfer of sovereignty so that the Iraqi citizens realize the fate of their country is now their responsibility," the president said.

"I had a great conversation with President Chirac," Bush said. "We share the same goal: a free and stable and peaceful Iraq."

Secretary of State Colin Powell, at a news conference Tuesday, said other governments had not raised objections to the U.N. resolution on the June 30 handover of power in Iraq proposed by the United States and Britain.

But, Powell said, "I expect they will be suggesting changes." SCOTT LINDLAW (AP)



President Bush on Tuesday shakes the new artificial hand of Qasim Ghida Kadhim, one of several Iraqis who have been receiving medical care in the United States.

Calif. Justices Hear Gay Marriage Case

SAN FRANCISCO | California Supreme Court justices listened skeptically Tuesday to arguments that San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom had the right to defy state law when he issued marriage licenses to 4,000 gay couples earlier this year.

During two hours of arguments, some of the seven justices questioned how much room elected officials have to interpret the law on their own.

A ruling on whether the mayor abused his powers is expected within 90 days. (AP)

WASHINGTON | The top U.S. military officer in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, will be replaced as part of a command restructuring that has been in the works for several months, administration offi-

cials said Tuesday. The Defense Department also suspended Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski from her command. Both have become symbols of

Both have become symbols of lax supervision at the Abu Ghraib prison where U.S. soldiers allegedly abused Iraqi inmates.

President George W. Bush praised Sanchez during a photo



Top U.S. Officer in Iraq to Be Replaced

Officials say Sanchez's departure is not linked to the prison abuse scandal.

opportunity in the Oval Office. "Rick Sanchez has done a fabulous job," the president said. At

the Pentagon, Larry Di Rita, chief spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said both Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs chairman Gen. Richard Myers "are very impressed with the work Gen. Sanchez performed from the very beginning" of his service in Iraq. Regarding suggestions that Sanchez's departure is linked to the abuse scandal, Di Rita said, "That's just wrong."

Di Rita also said, "There has been no final decision" on who will replace Sanchez.
TERENCE HUNT (AP)



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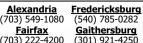
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Boston Parishes to Close

Troubled archdiocese to shutter 65 churches by the end of the year

BOSTON | The Boston Archdiocese will lose 65 of its 357 parishes, a massive restructuring brought on partly by the clergy sex-abuse scandal that aggravated already shrinking Mass attendance and weekly collections.

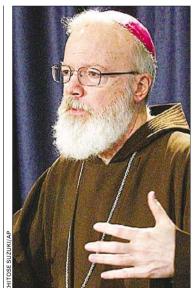
Archbishop Sean O'Malley announced the parish closings Tuesday, completing a process that began in December when he said the Roman Catholic archdiocese would be forced to undergo a major downsizing.

He said the reduction was needed because of declining Mass attendance, a shortage of priests and the inability of the archdiocese to support struggling parishes in the midst of a financial downturn caused in part by the abuse crisis.

The announcement was dreaded by parishioners and pastors, who received word about the fate of their churches in letters from O'Malley delivered Tuesday morning.

The parishes will not close immediately but will gradually shutter through the end of the year.

Seventy parishes in all will be affected by the downsizing, but five new parishes are being created through mergers. Another five churches will remain open as worship sites, though they'll be maintained by neighboring parishes and their membership will be merged with those existing congregations, O'Malley said. DENISE LAVOIE (AP)



Archbishop Sean O'Malley announces the list of parish closings during a news conference in Boston on Tuesday.

SPRING DUCKLINGS | GREAT ESCAPE



MAKING TRACKS: Letting no barrier stop them, black-bellied whistling ducklings climb over a fence at the University of Houston on Tuesday.

Judge Kicked Off Bench for Drinking

NEW ORLEANS | A judge was kicked off the bench Tuesday for flagrant and repeated drunkenness while

Monty L. Doggett cannot run again for judge for at least five years, the Louisiana Supreme Court said in a unanimous ruling. Before he can run, it added, the Supreme Court must certify him as eligible.

As a district judge, Doggett issued arrest warrants when he was too drunk to read them, and sometimes was so drunk that court was canceled, the ruling said.

"Although we feel compassion for Judge Doggett's struggle to maintain sobriety, we must, first and foremost, consider the grave implications which this misconduct casts upon the judiciary," it said.

A call to the only Monty Doggett listed in Natchitoches, La., was not immediately returned. (AP)

Hearing in 9/11 Probe **D**elayed

WASHINGTON | The Sept. 11 commission's next hearing is being delayed a week because of scheduling problems with some witnesses, the panel's spokesman said Tuesday.

The hearing in Washington on "national crisis management" had been planned for June 8-9 but now will be held June 16-17.

"We have some issues with some of our people, but it's not a major item," said spokesman Al Felzenberg. Because Congress is in session in early June, the commission's usual hearing room in a Senate building wasn't available, so staff had to find a suitable location elsewhere, he said.

The hearing is expected to delve into how quickly the Federal Aviation Administration notified U.S. air defenses about hijacked planes on the day of the 2001 attacks. Officials of the FAA and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, are scheduled to testify.

Details of the 9/11 plot also will be examined, with testimony from intelligence and law enforcement officials. HOPE YEN (AP)

Nation

WAREHOUSE BLAZE | GATHERING CLOUDS



DANGEROUS FUMES: A miles-long cloud of chlorine-tinged smoke pours from a chemical warehouse fire in Conyers, Ga., on Tuesday. The smoke prompted the evacuation of homes and forced the temporary closure of a major highway.

Aspirin May Cut Breast Cancer Risk

CHICAGO | Aspirin, the wonder drug that can help prevent heart attacks and strokes, also appears to reduce women's chances of developing the most common type of breast cancer, a study found.

The authors of the study said that the findings are tantalizing but that more research is needed before doctors can recommend that women take aspirin to ward off breast cancer.

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the

American Medical Association and was led by researcher Mary Beth Terry and Dr. Alfred Neugut of Columbia University.

Previous studies reached conflicting conclusions on whether there is a link between aspirin and breast cancer. The reduced risk was found for tumors whose growth is fueled by the sex hormones estrogen or progesterone. About 70 percent of women who develop breast cancer have this type of cancer, called hormone receptor-positive.

Women in the study who used aspirin at least four times a week for at least three months were almost 30 percent less likely to develop hormone-fueled breast cancer than women who used no aspirin.

Researchers suspect aspirin works by interfering with the body's production of estrogen. Similar studies have suggested that aspirin might reduce the risks of developing other kinds of cancer, including cancer of the pancreas and of the ovaries. LINDSEY TANNER (AP)





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World

Sacred Shiite Site Damaged in Iraq

U.S., militiamen trade blame over 2nd hit on shrine in Najaf

NAJAF, IRAQ | Iraq's most sacred Shiite shrine was slightly damaged and at least 13 Iraqis were killed in fighting Tuesday between American forces and militiamen loyal to a radical cleric. The U.S. military blamed Shiite militants for the damage.

It was the second time the Imam Ali shrine has been hit in the past two weeks of fighting. On May 14, machine-gun fire struck the golden dome, leaving four small holes and each side blaming the other.

Imam Ali Ibn Abu Talib was the Prophet Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law and he is the most revered saint among Shiites.

After fighting in Najaf eased, crowds loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr gathered at the shrine to look at the damage. The inner gate of the shrine, leading into the tomb of Imam Ali, appeared to have been hit by a projectile.

A veil covering the gate was ripped apart, and parts of the wall were damaged. Bits of mortar and parts of a projectile were scattered on the courtyard floor. Supporters of al-Sadr accused the Americans of firing mortars at the shrine.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt denied that U.S. forces shelled the shrine. U.S. officials say they have been careful to avoid damaging the shrines and have accused al-Sadr of using holy places to store weap-

ons and seek sanctuary.

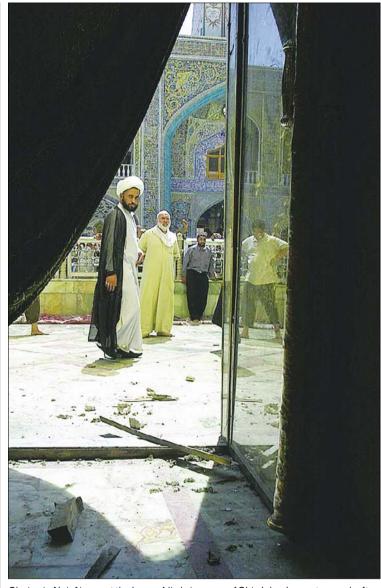
al-Sadr

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti representative of Iraq's most powerful Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-

Sistani, accused al-Sadr's militia of attacking the shrine "to agitate world opinion against the coalition."

Al-Sistani, who is more popular among Iraq's Shiite majority, has long shunned the younger cleric. Al-Sadr launched his uprising after the Americans began to crack down on him, first closing his newspaper, then issuing an arrest warrant charging him in the murder of a moderate cleric. (AP)

Repercussions: Shiite groups that cooperate with the coalition may distance themselves if U.S. forces damaged the shrine | Today's Post: Section A



Clerics in Najaf inspect the Imam Ali shrine, one of Shia Islam's most sacred, after it was damaged Tuesday during clashes between U.S. forces and Shiite militiamen.

In Brief

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. Warplanes Pound Newly Discovered Camp for Taliban

U.S. warplanes helped Afghan forces pound Taliban militants in the mountains of southern Afghanistan Tuesday, killing some 20 suspected insurgents at a newly discovered camp, a senior Afghan commander said. The three-hour battle occurred in Kandahar province, about 120 miles southwest of Kabul, provincial military commander Khan Mohammed said. Khan said he didn't know how many Taliban were using the camp. (AP)

RUSSIA

Researcher Dies After Being Exposed to Ebola Virus

A Russian researcher died May 19 after sticking herself with a needle containing the deadly Ebola virus, said Natalia Skultetskaya, a spokeswoman for the Vektor State Research Center of Virology and Biotechnology in Siberia. Skultetskaya denied a report in The New York Times that the center was slow to inform the World Health Organization about the incident, saying it was reported immediately. (AP)

BALKANS

Citing Health, U.N. Official In Kosovo Resigns Post

Harri Holkeri, the top U.N. administrator in Kosovo, said Tuesday he will leave the post two months early because of his health. Holkeri, a former Finnish prime minister, told reporters he tendered his resignation late Monday. It was not immediately clear when the resignation would take effect. Holkeri, 67, did not specify any medical ailment. (AP)

BRITAII

Sperm Frozen in 1979 Used To Impregnate Woman

A British woman gave birth to a boy using sperm from her husband that was frozen 21 years earlier, their doctor said Tuesday. Dr. Elizabeth Pease, a consultant in reproductive medicine in Manchester where the baby was born two years ago, said she believed the age of the sperm made the case a world record. Pease said the father had five vials of his sperm "cryopreserved" at the age of 17, before treatment for testicular cancer that left him sterile. (AP)

Mixed Reaction to U.S. Plan for Iraq

France, Russia concerned about U.N. resolution

PARIS | The United States and Britain on Tuesday won praise for their blueprint for post-occupation Iraqi — but few if any countries offered to send troops to help ease the burden on the U.S.-led international force.

War opponents like Germany and China praised the U.N. draft resolution submitted by Washington on Monday as a positive step toward giving Iraqis power to run their own government. "I think it is a very good foundation on which we will seek consensus and I believe we can also reach it," German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said.

But France and Russia, which have all-important veto power on the U.N. Security Council, expressed reservations, with French leaders complaining the measure may not go far enough in handing future Iraqi leaders real authority.

France also repeated its staunch refusal to ever send in soldiers. "This is out of the question today and tomorrow," Foreign Ministry spokesman Herve Ladsous said.

Pakistan said it might contribute troops — but it would limit them to a special force tasked with protecting U.N. facilities, officials said.

Still, it was the first sign that the draft resolution might bring some new troops for the harried U.S.-led international force in Iraq. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- Insurgents fired rockets
- from an apartment house toward a police station in Baghdad, triggering explosions and wounding one U.S. soldier, officials said.
- → A Turkish official said a bomb Monday near Kirkuk stopped the flow of Iraqi oil to a key export terminal in Turkey, cutting Iraq's export capacity by some 400,000 barrels a day.
- → Up to 600 prisoners will be released this week from Abu Ghraib, the prison at the center of an international scandal over detainee abuse by U.S. soldiers, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt.

Lab Tests Confirm Bomb in Baghdad Contained Sarin

WASHINGTON | Comprehensive testing has confirmed the presence of the chemical weapon sarin in the remains of a roadside bomb discovered this month in Baghdad, government officials said Tuesday.

The determination, made by a laboratory in the United States that officials would not identify, verifies results from less-thorough field tests, the two officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No one was injured in the shell's initial detonation on May 15, but two U.S. soldiers who removed the round had symptoms of low-level nerve agent exposure, officials said.

The shell's origin remains unclear, a defense official said. (AP)

World

Floods Kill 363 in Hispaniola

Rescue workers search for survivors in Haiti, Dominican Republic

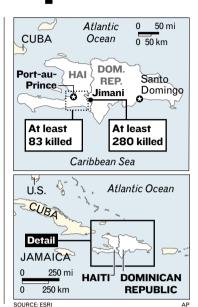
JIMANI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | Villagers tore through heaps of mud with their bare hands Tuesday, searching for loved ones as the death toll from flooding in the Dominican Republic and Haiti rose to at least 363.

An AP reporter counted at least 180 bodies on the Dominican side of Hispaniola island by Tuesday afternoon. Another 100 or so had been dumped in a mass grave, said Lt. Virgilio Mejia with the Dominican National Rescue Commission. There were 83 confirmed deaths on the Haitian side.

More than 250 people were unaccounted for in the Dominican Republic and 62 were reportedly missing in Haiti, mostly in the town of Fond Verrette, near Jimani.

Rain has pelted the island for weeks, but a downpour Monday caused the Solie River to burst its banks, sweeping away the three neighborhoods of wooden shacks.

U.S. Marines, who are leading a 3,600-member multinational task force sent to stabilize Haiti after the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Feb. 29, were heading to Fond Verrette to look for victims and help in emergency work. (AP)



HONG KONG | BEARING BUDDHA



RELIGIOUS RELIC: Monks line up to view one of the Buddha's fingers upon its arrival at Hong Kong's airport Tuesday. The finger, one of Buddhism's most sacred relics, was sent from China for public display. Critics belittled Beijing's motives, however, saying the mainland seeks to soothe anger over its recent decision ruling out full democracy in Hong Kong.

U.S. Aid Flown to Stricken Sudan Area

WASHINGTON | The United States airlifted 20,000 blankets Tuesday to the stricken Darfur province of Sudan but said assistance flows are restricted by fighting in the area.

The U.S. Agency for International Development said the flight was the fifth humanitarian delivery to arrive in Darfur over the past week. The first four contained enough plastic sheeting to provide shelter for nearly 160,000 people.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said attacks against Darfur's black Africans by Arab militias have been at a high level recently. Since the fighting erupted in 2003, more than 800,000 people have been uprooted.

Boucher said a U.S. disaster assistance team is to arrive in Darfur this week to assess humanitarian work.

U.S. officials have been pressing the Sudanese government for weeks to provide access. President Omar el-Bashir's government denies suggestions of government human rights abuses in Darfur.

Meanwhile, as the crisis persists in Darfur, the Sudanese government and a southern-based rebel movement appear prepared to end their 21-year war. A peace agreement is expected to be signed Wednesday in Kenya. George gedda (AP)



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Memorial Concerns Mount

D.C prepares for 'mass casualty situation' as WWII tribute nears

WASHINGTON | Moving and caring for huge crowds of aging veterans is expected to present epic challenges during this weekend's dedication of the National World War II Memorial

The ceremonies are expected to bring more than 150,000 people into the District of Columbia, and many are expected to have health concerns. The average surviving veteran of the war is now 79 years old.

"We are prepared for a mass

casualty situation," said Alan Etter, a spokesman for the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

Based on the demographics of the crowd, weather conditions and walking distances, emergency workers are prepared to deal with heat exhaustion cases and cardiac episodes, Etter said.

From Friday evening through early Monday, several streets in the vicinity of the new memorial will be closed to unauthorized traffic.

Metro plans to mobilize a fleet

of 300 buses to transport ticketed guests from staging areas at the Pentagon and RFK Stadium. And for the first time, Metro will have emergency medical technicians at some of its downtown subway stations in case they are needed.

"Given the number of people that will be in the system and given their age, we wanted to make sure we have all of our bases covered," said Steve Taubenkibel, a Metro spokesman. The transit agency will run six-car trains Saturday to handle increased demand. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Rude awakening: Nurith Aizenman reports that black soldiers returned from World War II to find the country's racial divide still existed | Today's Post, Metro

IRAQ WAR | IN MEMORY



BOOT CAMP: Combat boots bearing the names of 800 U.S. soldiers who have died in the Iraq war are displayed during a exhibit near the Capitol Tuesday.

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Police Seek Clues In Girl's Shooting

WASHINGTON | As the search continued for the gunman who shot and wounded a 12-year-old girl, District of Columbia police said Tuesday they recovered three vehicles which may have been involved.

Investigators were going over a white car with bullet holes, an undamaged black car and a red mo-ped. There was suspicion that the mo-ped might have been used by the shooter while the intended targets were in the cars.

The child was shot Sunday night while sitting on a porch on Shepherd Street in Northwest Washington. She is recovering at a hospital after taking a bullet to the abdomen. A reward of \$11,000 is being offered for information in the case. (AP)

Dale to Take Charge of Fairfax Schools

FAIRFAX, VA. | The Fairfax County school board expects to name Jack Dale, superintendent in Frederick County, Md., as its new leader this week.

Dale's contract has not been finalized, and the county is still completing its background checks, school board chairwoman Kathy Smith said. But the board expects Dale to be officially named superintendent at the school board's Thursday meeting.

The Fairfax system, with nearly 167,000 students and 21,000 employees, is much larger than Frederick, with about 40,000 students and 4,500 employees. Dale said he did not believe the difference in size would make his transition difficult. (AP)

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Money

Grasso Vows to Fight Suit

NEW YORK | Former New York Stock Exchange chief Richard A. Grasso was undaunted by the state attorney general's lawsuit over his \$187.5 million compensation package, promising Tuesday to countersue the exchange and its interim chairman for unpaid portions of his pay package as well as for "besmirching" his name.

In an op-ed piece in The Wall Street Journal, the former chairman and chief executive of the exchange said any damages awarded in his countersuit would be donated to charity. Grasso will also seek damages from the NYSE and interim chairman John Reed for "the [media] leaks orchestrated by Mr. Reed."

"I will derive considerable plea-

sure knowing that some public good ultimately resulted because of the immoral and dishonest behavior of those who forced my departure and besmirched my name," Grasso wrote in the Journal.



Grasso

Spitzer filed suit Monday against Grasso, the exchange, and former director Kenneth G. Langone, who headed the NYSE's com-

pensation committee when Grasso received his biggest payouts. Spitzer is seeking the return of at least \$100 million from Grasso, and another \$18 million from Langone — the amount Langone is accused of hid-

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ing from the rest of the board of directors on behalf of Grasso.

Grasso resigned in September, one month after the board approved his compensation package. The NYSE has demanded he return \$120 million. He previously said he would forgo the \$48 million yet to be paid if he received an apology, but said Tuesday he will seek that amount in damages in court.

Both sides are firmly entrenched and unlikely to budge in the short term. Spitzer said that while he is open to a settlement, the amount would have to be very close to the damages he would seek in court. For now, Grasso's countersuit indicates his unwillingness to settle.

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La-Z-Boy adds style to its comfortable catalog

MONROE, MICH. | For many people, the name La-Z-Boy says it all: comfy but clunky easy chairs designed for lazing about, not for making a fashion statement.

The 77-year-old furniture maker is trying to free itself from that image. Without giving up on the overstuffed recliners that made it famous, La-Z-Boy Inc. has unveiled a furniture line by designer Todd Oldham that is all about clean lines, funky patterns and a young, urban aesthetic.

The new line represents an

attempt by La-Z-Boy, the nation's second-largest residential furniture manufacturer, to boost sales. Like the rest of the furniture industry, it has suffered from a post-Sept. 11, 2001, decline in sales to hotels and also from competition from cheap Chinese imports. Fiscal 2004 sales, released Tuesday, fell more than 5 percent to \$2 billion.

La-Z-Boy retailers began selling Oldham's creations in March and April, and more styles are scheduled to arrive in August.

SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers				Gainers			
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	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO		
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00	British Pound	.5516	.5581	.6107		
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00	Canadian Dollar	1.3718	1.3714	1.3746		
3-month	1.06	1.04	European Euro	.8254	.8322	.8455		
2-year	2.54	2.53	Japanese Yen	111.77	112.72	116.85		
10-year	4.73	4.74	Mexican Peso	11.4700	11.4850	10.2459		
30-year	5.41	5.45	Taiwanese Dollar	33.61	33.58	34.63		

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CoxCom	31.84	+1.12	-7.6
Disney	23.75	+.55	+1.8
EchoStar	32.27	+.45	-5.1
Fox Ent	27.33	+.63	-6.2
Gannett	88.78	+1.57	4
GTelevsa	42.41	+.63	+6.4
LibtyMA	10.86	+.12	-8.7
NewsCorp	36.49	+.84	+1.1

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MTV to Launch Gay TV Network

NEW YORK | Logo, an MTV-backed basic cable network aimed at the gay and lesbian community and long in the planning stages, will go on the air next February.

In announcing a Feb. 17 launch

date Tuesday, the Viacom-owned MTV Networks provided few specific programming plans, other than to say it will offer a mix of movies, reruns and reality-oriented shows.

Viacom had been discussing a gay cable network since at least 1994, but put it on the back burner because of a weak economy and other priorities. (AP)

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Sports

NBA Draft Is Without Clear No. 1

Lottery winner will likely choose between Okafor and Howard

NBA DRAFT | Winning the draft lottery a year ago turned the Cleveland Cavaliers from the NBA's worst team into one of its most exciting.

The correct combination of pingpong balls gave the Cavaliers the first pick overall in the draft and a no-brainer of a decision — taking LeBron James at No. 1.

When the first pick in this year's draft is determined on Wednesday night, the winner will not be faced with an obvious choice.

Connecticut center Emeka Okafor and Atlanta high school star Dwight Howard have been mentioned as possible top picks, but each has drawbacks.

Okafor has battled a back problem and Howard is like any youngster — one never knows.

The Orlando Magic have the best chance to win the lottery with 250 chances out of 1,000. Chicago has the second best shot with 200 chances followed by Washington (157) and the other non-playoff teams.

The lottery will determine picks 1-3. The expansion Charlotte Bobcats will have the fourth pick in the draft. Tom Canavan (AP)



A SHORT KISS GOOD NIGHT: Martina Navratilova's comeback to singles competition ended with a loss to Gisela Dulko Tuesday.

One and Done for Martina

Williams sisters easily advance in French Open

FRENCH OPEN | Martina Navratilova hit an ace Tuesday, a nifty achievement for a 47-year-old player at the French Open. She needed more than one.

Navratilova's Roland-Garroscomeback lasted barely an hour, ending with an opening-round loss to Gisela Dulko, 6-1, 6-3. The match was Navratilova's first in Grand Slam singles since 1994. In the twentysomething division, Serena and Venus Williams advanced easily.

No. 2-seeded Serena beat Iveta Benesova 6-2, 6-2. No. 4 Venus defeated Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-2, 6-4. No. 7 Jennifer Capriati rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the final set to beat Yulia Beygelzimer 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

On the men's side, top-ranked Roger Federer ended his two-year French Open losing streak by beating Kristof Vliegen 6-1, 6-2, 6-1. STEVEN WINE (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Fabrice Santoro defeated Arnaud Clement, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 3-6, 16-14 in the French Open Monday in a match that lasted 6 hours, 33 minutes, making it the longest match of the open era, which began in 1968. (AP)

Miller on Hamilton: 'He's Mini-Me'

NBA PLAYOFFS | When Reggie Miller takes a close look at the way Richard Hamilton plays, he sees an uncanny resemblance to himself.

"He's mini-me," Miller said of the player who has been Detroit's main weapon against Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals, which are tied 1-1 with Game 3 Wednesday night.

Miller and Hamilton's styles are strikingly similar. Both are masters at getting open by coming off screens, and both are tireless workers with boundless energy and speed.

Both are great shooters, but Miller often makes his living behind the 3-point line whereas Hamilton's comfort zone is from 16 to 21 feet.



LOOKING INTO A MIRROR? Indiana's Reggie Miller, left, said he sees himself in the way Richard Hamilton plays.

"Reggie's a legend. Probably one of the greatest 2-guards ever to play this game, so it's always a privilege to be compared to somebody like him," said Hamilton, who scored 23 points in each of the first two games of the low-scoring series.

Indiana coach Rick Carlisle knows how dangerous Hamilton can be. "He's relentless in how he approaches the job of scoring the ball," said Carlisle, who coached Hamilton in Detroit the previous two seasons. "Rip and Reggie are very similar in that aspect." Chris Sheridan (AP)

Tiebreaker: Get results of Game 3 of the even Lakers-Timberwolves series | washingtonpost.com/sports

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA PLAYOFFS (8:30 P.M. ON ESPN) The Eastern Conference finals move to Detroit for Game 3 with the Pistons and Pacers tied at one game apiece.

DRAFT LOTTERY (8 P.M. ON ESPN) The Washington Wizards have the third-best chance to land the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees continue their series at Camden Yards. SOCCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) FC Porto and AS Monaco play for the Champions League title in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

TENNIS (8 A.M. ON ESPN2 AND NOON ON ESPN)
Lindsay Davenport is one of several in action during the second round of the French Open.

In Brief

COLLEGE HOOPS

Johnson Leaves Nevada To Coach at Stanford

Trent Johnson found a job that was too good to pass up after his old boss left Stanford for the NBA. Johnson, a former Cardinal assistant coming off a breakthrough season at Nevada, was hired Tuesday to replace Mike Montgomery. Montgomery, who was at Stanford for 18 years and led the Cardinal to the Final Four in 1998, left last week to coach the Golden State Warriors. (AP)

BASEBALL

Red Sox Owner to Discuss Renovating Fenway Park

Red Sox owner John Henry is ready to discuss long-term renovations to Fenway Park, a step that makes it increasingly likely that baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark will be preserved. The team would consider replacing Fenway only if renovation isn't feasible, Henry said Tuesday. While tearing it down "is certainly an option," he said, "on my list, it's at the bottom." (AP)

FOOTBALL

Clarett Continues NFL Fight

Despite another setback, former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett is continuing his legal fight for a chance to play in the NFL next season. Clarett's attorney, Alan C. Milstein, said Tuesday he was preparing a brief to present to the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City. He declined further comment. The next appeal would be before the entire 12-judge panel. Should Clarett lose that battle, he could appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. (AP)

PROMOTIONS

'Criminals Night' Canceled

After fans cried foul, the River City Rascals baseball team junked a "Sports Criminals Night" promotion that would have turned the stadium into a giant prison, with one fan each inning thrown into a "dugout jail." The June 2 promotion was intended "to humorously poke fun at how the media sensationalizes athletes who end up involved in the justice system," team officials said. But the Rascals, of the independent Frontier League, said Monday they would offer a different promotion at their ballpark in Missouri. (AP)

Sports

Bettman: NHL Owners Won't Budge in Talks

HOCKEY | NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman promised again Tuesday that owners are determined to reach a radically different labor agreement no matter how long it takes and warned the players union not to test that resolve.

Owners and players' representatives met for 2 1/2 hours Tuesday, but Bettman reported no progress toward finalizing a deal both sides privately fear might not be reached until the 2004-05 season is lost.

A recent economic study prepared for the league, challenged by the players but repeatedly cited by Bettman, concluded that players get 76 percent of all league revenues - far more than the percentage for the other major team sports.

Until the core issue is resolved. Bettman said both sides have decid-



progress has been made in labor talks.

ed there will be no bargaining on lesser issues.

"There is no doubt we understand each other's position clearly." he said. "Our problems are indisputable and need to be corrected." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

Stanley cup: Get results of Game I of the NHL finals between Tampa and Calgary | washingtonpost.com/sports

Commissioner Gary Bettman said no

Tagliabue: NFL **Shooting for Team**

PRO FOOTBALL | The National Football League would like to have a team back in Los Angeles by 2008, Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said

In L.A. by 2008

Tagliabue said league own-

ers were pushing for a decision on a stadium site by next spring, giving the NFL the time it needs to return a franchise to the country's



Tagliabue

second-largest television market by 2008.

The league has not had a team in the Los Angeles area since the Rams moved to St. Louis 10 years ago.

League owners have made no decision about expanding to a 33rd team or moving a troubled franchise to Los Angeles when and if they come to an agreement on a stadium there.

The NFL also said it plans to honor the memory of former Arizona Cardinals defensive back Pat Tillman during the regular season. Tillman was killed last month in Afghanistan. BRENT KALLESTAD (AP)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	w	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	RUAD
Boston	27	17	.614	_	14-6	13-11
New York	25	18	.581	1.5	13-7	12-11
Baltimore	20	20	.500	5	12-10	8-10
Toronto	18	27	.400	9.5	10-13	8-14
Tampa Bay	14	28	.333	12	11-11	3-17
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	25	18	.581	_	13-8	12-10
Minnesota	25	18	.581	_	14-8	11-10
Detroit	21	22	.488	4	10-11	11-11
Cleveland	18	24	.429	6.5	12-9	6-15
Kansas City	13	28	.317	11	8-10	5-18
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Anaheim	29	16	.644	_	15-7	14-9
Oakland	25	18	.581	3	12-9	13-9
Texas	25	18	.581	3	16-9	9-9
Seattle	15	28	.349	13	9-13	6-15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	w	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Philadelphia	24	18	.571	_	12-8	12-10
Florida	25	19	.568	_	13-9	12-10
New York	22	22	.500	3	12-10	10-12
Atlanta	21	22	.488	3.5	11-10	10-12
Montreal	14	30	.318	11	7-14	7-16
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Cincinnati	26	18	.591	_	15-7	11-11
Chicago	25	18	.581	.5	13-9	12-9
Houston	24	20	.545	2	12-11	12-9
Milwaukee	22	20	.524	3	11-9	11-11
St. Louis	23	21	.523	3	10-13	13-8
Pittsburgh	19	21	.475	5	6-13	13-8
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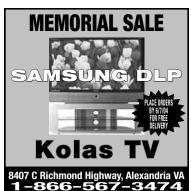
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ONGOING AT THE MUSEUM

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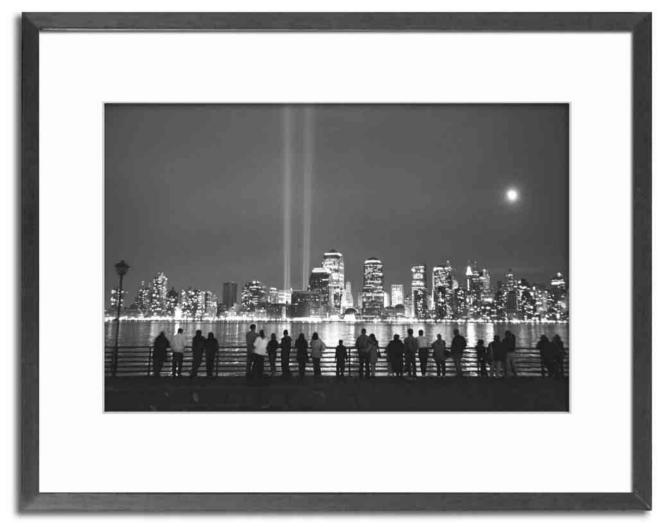
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Entertainment

Child Star Comeback

His 'Home Alone' days over, Macaulay Culkin slides back onscreen

FILM | Macaulay Culkin is a normal, well-adjusted 23-year-old guy. Really.

"Contrary to popular belief, I've never been to rehab," Culkin said. "What else haven't I done? I've never been to jail, never been arrested. All the child-star cliches. I've actually tried very hard to avoid them all."

A remarkable feat for one of the richest, most famous child stars in Hollywood history, who endured a nasty custody battle between his parents, quit acting at 14, got married at 17, divorced at 19 — and struck up a friendship with Michael Jackson along the way.

Culkin is easing back into the public eye with a supporting role as a cynical, paraplegic student at a Christian high school in "Saved," a caustic but warmhearted comedy about faith and intolerance.

Culkin actually went to high school during his much-dissected hiatus from acting. Along with "Saved!" costar Jena Malone, he attended the Professional Children's School in New York.

During this time, one of the more bizarre episodes in Culkin's life occurred: his marriage to actress



A SCHOOLED PERFORMER: Culkin, left, with costars Eva Amurri and Jena Malone, takes on education and religion in "Saved!"

Rachel Miner, before either of them had turned 18.

Culkin made no apologies. "I don't think we were trying to pretend to be anything other than we were. We were just in love," he said. "It's not that uncommon (to marry at 17), it's just that under these particular circumstances, people thought it was kooky and weird."

Speaking of weird, what about Jackson?

Culkin gave what he calls his standard answer about the child-molestation charges: "It's unfortunate." He also pointed out that he hasn't spoken to Jackson in several months.

During that time, and the past few years beforehand, Culkin's kept himself pretty busy. He ended his retirement in 2001, when he made his London stage debut in "Madame Melville," about a teenager seduced by his French teacher. He then starred as the murderous, drugged-out "club kid" Michael Alig—smashing all that remained of his cute, wholesome persona—in last year's "Party Monster."

He also guest-starred on an episode of "Will & Grace," which led to a development deal at NBC and a sitcom pilot that was shot this spring, but wasn't picked up for the fall schedule. Ben Nuckols (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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Birds of a Feather: Skynyrd Whistles Dixie

Lynyrd Skynyrd hasn't charted a hit pop single since the Carter Administration, but their rock anthems like "Freebird" and "Sweet Home Alabama" are the coal that fuels classic rock radio — and will surely put boots on the floor during tonight's performance.

Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd., Vienna, Va; 7:30 p.m., \$38, \$22 lawn; 703-255-1900.

Pleasure and Pain: Metal in Many Forms

Although they're smelted differently, the hard-pounding hardcore-ish sound of From Autumn to Ashes and rap-ish rhythms of Atreyu are definitely metal at heart. Just watch how these two tastes taste together.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$12; 202-393-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)



They look pensive, but From Autumn to Ashes has a reputation for hard rock.

Down on the Farm: Photos From the Homefront

National Book Award finalist Paul Hendrickson discusses "Bound for Glory: America in Color 1939-43," a collection of photos taken by the Farm Security Administration.

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; 7 p.m., \$14; 202-639-1700. (Farragut West)

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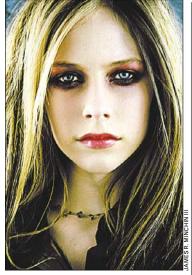
MUSIC | Avril Lavigne knows her image: a moody, teen rock star with an acidic tongue, steely stare and tough-girl attitude.

"I have been labeled like I'm this angry girl — I'm like, this rebel, I'm like, punk, and I am SO not any of them. It's so funny, and I'm actually really shy," the petite, Canadianborn Lavigne says in typical teenspeak, sitting on a hotel bed wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt, grayish pants, boxy shoes and socks bearing the message "boys are dumb."

Lavigne-the-one-dimensional-angry-rocker-chick is just one misconception she hopes to dispel as she releases her second album, "Under This Skin," this week. It's the follow-up to her hugely successful debut, 2002's "Let Go."

Though the record definitely has elements of her previous hits — great pop melodies with a rock feel — they also delve into more adult topics, like broken relationships, the loss of a loved one and complex emotions.

Lavigne acknowledges pressure to repeat the massive success of her debut, and admits it may not happen.



SOPHOMORE SPUNK: Lavigne says she doesn't feel the need for her new release to duplicate her first album's success.

"You can go as quickly as you came. I believe that I have longevity. I myself will always be pleased. I'm always going to be doing music no matter how big I am," she says.

Fellow Canadian singer Chantal Kreviazuk, who co-wrote the new album's songs, says that instead of worrying about her past success, Lavigne is more interested in being a well-rounded artist. And she's learned to shrug off the barbs she's received, let down her guard and let people see there's something more to her than an angry stare.

"I slowly watched this metamorphosis. ... She has so much to celebrate, and she's aware she's got so much to celebrate," said Kreviazuk. "She doesn't need to be tough about it." NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

Entertainment

Strike Up the Bandstand

Dick Clark's paradise for bobbysoxers gets a reality-TV facelift

TELEVISION | "American Bandstand" is coming back with a new twist, courtesy of the producer of "American Idol."

A revamped version, from original producer-host Dick Clark and "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller, will turn the show's trademark dancing into a regular competition.

In the original, 1950s-era show, studio audience members who did the twist, the swim and other hot dances were aiming to impress the audience, Fuller said Monday.

"We're going to have a lot more fun in that area. The public will be involved in choosing which of the kids is the coolest, the most gorgeous, the best dancer," he said.

He knows more than a bit about contests: "American Idol," which wraps its third season Wednesday with a showdown between Fantasia



LET'S TWIST AGAIN: "American Bandstand" was always heavy on dancing, but its new incarnation will focus on competition.

Barrino and Diana DeGarmo, is a hit for Fox and has produced fledgling recording stars such as Clay Aiken and Ruben Studdard. Clark said he's eager to see the program return, whether or not it becomes the pop culture force it once was

Can the resurrected show work today? "If you think about it, 'American Bandstand' was probably the original reality show. And to bring it back in the throes of excitement about reality isn't a bad idea," he said.

The original show had occasional dance contests, Clark noted, with the prizes gradually increasing in value from records to juke boxes to cars.

On the new "American Bandstand," performances by pop stars and the old show's "rate-a-record" segments will remain in the mix, Fuller said.

"American Bandstand" was one of network television's longest-running series as part of ABC's daytime lineup from 1957 to 1987. It later ran for a year in syndication and briefly on the USA Network with another host.

Clark will be a producer but won't return as on-air steward of the new "Bandstand," which is scheduled to debut in summer 2005, most likely on a network and definitely in prime-time, Fuller said.

A search for a replacement host is under way and Fuller hinted at more than one opening: Although the show will be largely Los Angelesbased, it will break away to other cities, such as Miami, to sample the scenes there. Lynn elber (AP)

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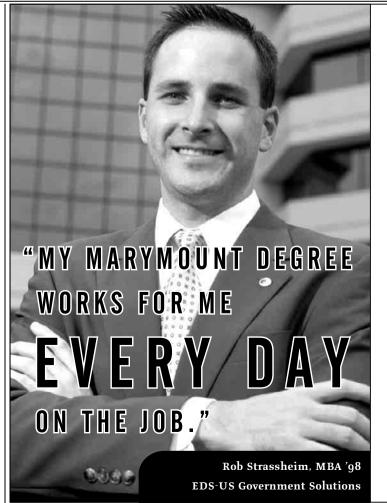
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Entertainment

Groove Is in the Heart

MUSIC | You remember Groove Theory — the crushworthy duo where pensive keyboardist-producer Bryce Wilson maintained a respectful on-camera distance from girl-next-door Amel Larrieux. Their EP "Tell Me" had mad flava (hey, it was 1995), and DJ Flexxx gave it a genuine go-go makeover. Soon after, Larrieux explored the "Infinite Possibilities" of going solo.

With her debut album, Larrieux introduced R&B to her own brand of jazzy, yoga-mat soul — meditative, controlled and attuned with higher consciousness. Her leadoff single "Get Up" roused many a cubicle rat from a blissful slumber. "Sleep ain't gonna pay the rent," she sang. Though she wasn't a vocal thoroughbred, she still packed a well-refined punch.

With her new album, Bravebird, Larrieux trades in mood music for your undivided attention. She lavs down some otherworldly love songs, but she also attacks social ills — female mutilation and Third World debt — with her trademark seraphic vocals. Even the song about



SOUL ALONE: Amel Larrieux will exhibit her eclectic style at the Lincoln Theater.

slavery has a dusting of powdered sugar on it. Makes you think that maybe the militant rappers and rebellious punkers are all using the wrong approach — subversive lullabies might do the trick.

Expect angelic ballads, highoctave calisthenics and dazzling scats from Larrieux at the Lincoln Theatre. Yoga chants aren't out of the question, either. CELESTE DAWN MITCHELL

Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; Wed, May 26, 8 p.m.; 202-432-7328. (USt.-Cardozo)

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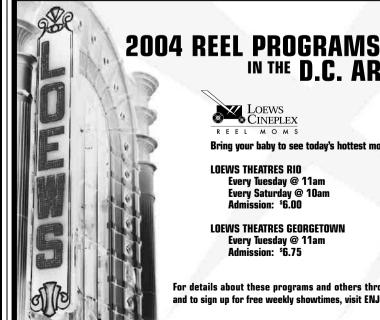
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Television

Pop Goes Her Show

TELEVISION | A sitcom starring Jessica Simpson failed to make the cut when ABC announced its fall schedule.

Simpson, a 23-year-old pop singer known for her ditsy moments on her MTV reality show, had filmed a pilot which featured her as a ditsy reporter on a TV news magazine.

She wasn't the only star missing when ABC announced its lineup last week: sitcoms with Jennifer Love Hewitt and John Stamos weren't ordered.

Simpson and her husband, pop singer Nick Lachey, gained a measure of fame on "Newlyweds: Nick



DUMPED: Simpson's sitcom slinks away.

& Jessica." She became known for her unintentional humor, including confusing Chicken of the Sea tuna with poultry. (AP)

ON TV TONIGHT

IDOL'S VITALS

After months of anticipation, unplanned controversies, surprising eliminations and, of course, endless product placement puffery, "AMERICAN IDOL" (8 p.m., Fox) will proclaim a winner. More than 38 million viewers tuned in last May to see Ruben Studdard eke out a victory over Clay Aiken. Tonight's show, pitting Fantasia against Diana, should prove even more popular.

A TIP OF THE HAT

Reba McEntire hosts THE 39TH ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS (8 p.m., CBS) from Las Vegas. Eleven awards honoring the past year's elite in country music will be handed out during the three-hour ceremony. Past winners and contenders, including McEntire, Martina McBride, Toby Keith, Montgomery Gentry, Lonestar, George

Strait, Keith Urban, LeAnn Rimes and Rascal Flatts, will be on hand to perform, present awards and compete for new ones. The Rock and NASCAR's Sterling Marlin will also present.

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SHE'S A WINNER: Reba McEntire is set to host the Country Music Awards.

STUNT AWARDS (9 p.m., Spike). Hopper will help honor his "Speed" co-star Keanu Reeves for his work in the "Matrix" trilogy and other action films. Stunt veteran Ronnie Rondell, who worked in "Speed" and "Thelma & Louise," will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award.

VIOLENCE: REAL AND MAKE-BELIEVE

The series "TV REVOLUTION" (9 p.m., Bravo) concludes with "Body Count," an hour-long look at the evolution of small-screen violence. "Count" covers the depiction of carnage on the news — from the "living room" newscasts from Vietnam to the horrors of Columbine and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The hour gives equal time to the mayhem on episodic television. Interviews include "Blue" stars Dennis Franz and Jimmy Smits, Michael Chiklis of "The Shield" and Joss Whedon, creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Angel." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Little Trucks Get Bigger

ROAD TEST | The newest compact pickup trucks are larger than the GM compact trucks they replace.

The 2004 Chevrolet Colorado has a better ride, offers more features, is styled to look more like their bigger truck kin and is more powerful than its predecessors.

Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, is \$16,200 for a base, 2WD regular cab Colorado with four-cylinder engine and manual transmission.

All Colorados use a new frame that's stiffer than the one in the S-10. resulting in a less jolty, bouncy ride in the 4WD Crew Cab model.



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While the Colorado has two engine choices — both more powerful than the S-10's powerplants — it doesn't offer a V6, V8 or a supercharged engine, unlike some competitors.

The Colorado's base engine a 2.8-liter, double overhead cam, inline four produces a surprising 175 horses and 185 foot-pounds of torque at 2,800 rpm.

There's no confusing the Colorado for anything but a Chevy truck. The front end has the bold, chrome bar across the grille that also graces the bigger Chevrolet Silverado and Avalanche.

There's nothing particularly upscale about the Colorado interior. Three people would sit rather close in the full-size back seat of the crew cab

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People

BREAKUPS

And Lo! The Hemp **Was Soaked With Tears**

Phish announced Tuesday that they are breaking up. The announcement came as the band prepared to release a new album, "Undermind," on



June 15. They will still embark on their summer tour. Said band leader TREY ANASTASIO on phish.com: "Last

Friday night, I got together with Mike, Page and Fish to talk openly about the strong feelings I've been having that Phish has run its course and that we should end it now while it's still on a high note." (AP)

WIVES

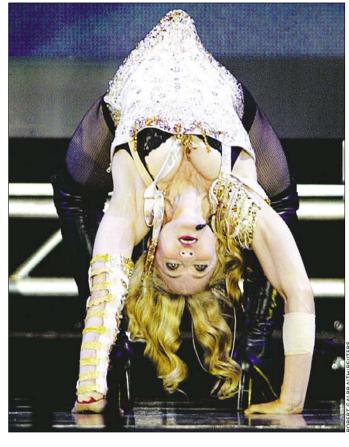
And J.Lo — Perfect for You!

Former Miss Universe DAYANARA TORRES says that she and singer Marc Anthony plan to remain amicable during their divorce



and custody negotiations. Anthony is rumored to be engaged to Jennifer Lopez. "Sometimes it's out of your con-

trol," she said in an interview on "Access Hollywood." "But, we are both very responsible ... and there's no need to do it any other way." The couple were married in May 2000 in Las Vegas. They have two young children, Cristian and Ryan. (AP)



TRANSFORMATIONS

From the Sublime to the Ridiculous

MADONNA says she has canceled three Israeli stops on her "Re-Invention" tour because of violence in the region. Madonna, who kicked off her worldwide tour in Los Angeles on Monday, includes provocative images in the tour, such as video footage of a Palestinian boy and an Israeli boy walking arm-in-arm, and simulated sex during a tango with a female dancer. (AP)

ATTORNEYS

When Your Lawver Leaves You, That's Sad

DAVID GEST. estranged husband of entertainer Liza Minnelli, and his lawyer, Raoul Felder, have parted ways. "I resigned from the case over two weeks ago," Felder said Monday. "I sent him a very nice letter praising his fortitude ... and telling him that I admired his strength in adversity. But I told him to get another law-



yer." Felder, who was Rudolph Giuliani's divorce lawyer, said he decided that he and Gest should part because there

had been a lapse in communication between them. (AP)



Snoop Dogg and his giant foam hand: the love affair that will last a lifetime.

Insert '-izzle' Joke Here

SNOOP DOGG has filed for divorce from Shante Broadus, according to papers filed with Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday. They have been married since 1997 and have three children: Corde, 9; Cordell, 7; and Cori, 4. The rapper/actor is seeking joint custody. Snoop, born Calvin Broadus, cited general "irreconcilable differences." "The only thing I want to say is Mr. Broadus hopes that the divorce can be as amicable as possible," Snoop's attorney, Robert Nachshin, said Monday. (AP)

GOOD DEEDS

Can't Argue With That

A celebrity golf tournament hosted by TOBY KEITH in Norman, Okla., raised about \$250,000 to assist families of pediatric cancer patients in Oklahoma. Keith organized the golf classic following the August death of Allison Webb, the 2-year-old daughter of one of his original bandmates.

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Allison spent the last year of her life being treated for Wilms' tumors



affecting both of her kidneys. The funds from the tournament will benefit a charity named in her honor, the Ally's

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House Foundation, the 42-year-old country singer said Monday. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Regional Weather









Friday



Almanac

Temperature

Normal high ..

Average humidity

24 hours ending 4 p.m. ..

Normal month to date

Normal year to date ...

Precipitation

Month to date

Year to date Last year to date

Normal low

High



86°/66°



85°/68°



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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, humid, afternoon thun-derstorms. High 85. Wind west to southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, thunderstorms early. Low 66.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:23 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:02 p.m.
Moonset today	1:42 a.m.
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National Weather for Wednesday, May 26 -10s -0s 10s 20s 40s 50s 70s T-storms 90s

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LIVE ONLINE

Playback

Two-Wheelers

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Virginia Bicycling Federation, was online

Tuesday to discuss safety and policies

affecting cyclists in the metro area.

Metro talks a great game about

encouraging people to bike, but

in the most unfriendly locations.

Does your organization do any

work with Metro on our behalf?

Metro's poor siting and selection

of bike racks has long been a prob-

lem. The Washington Area Bicyclist

Association has worked to improve

bicycle access to Metrorail ever

since Metro began operating, and

they consistently install bike racks

ALLEN MUCHNICK, president of the

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IT DISTURBED ME that your 11-paragraph article on "American Idol" ("The Final Countdown," May 25) talked about Diana DeGarmo for nine paragraphs, giving Fantasia Barrino only two small paragraphs. They are equally talented and should have received equal coverage. Fantasia is a wonderful singer who also has a wonderful personality; let's give her her due.

> -Vanessa A. McGill Washington, D.C.

REGARDING LETTER WRITER Charlene Stewart's blaming gay marriage for the demise of the human race (Letters, May 25): Marriage is not a prerequisite for being fruitful and multiplying. And, not to worry, there are plenty of children in the world to keep the human race from going extinct, and even more people procreating. Anyone who professes to be concerned about preserving the family unit should embark on a crusade to minimize divorce among heterosexuals, instead of pushing their own agendas on those of us who are in loving, committed relationships and are fighting for equality, the right to be recognized under the law and the right to adopt children.

> -Daniel Hurtado Washington, D.C.

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Crossword Puzzle: Page-Turner | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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- Start of a remark
- by Ambrose Bierce Plating material
- 20 Leading sopranos
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- Dawn to dusk
- 26 Exhort
- Split
- Coward of note
- 30 Run, in a way 31 Kissing cousins
- 32 Minuteman missile
- 33 Glimpse
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- 38 Lenten supply
- 39 Carbon copy
- 40 Kind of fly or
- 43 Cornerstone
- 46 Type of fly ball
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- 52 Dutch stronghold.
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- It may take a beating
- One-on-one type

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- End of the remark
- 62 Put through the

63 Actress Ruby

- Pulsating paintings
- Watch secretly DOWN
- Oft-reported stat
- Sound of support
- Submissive
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- Draft picks es Salaam
- Seven-time Cardinal
- batting champ
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- by Wilson

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- 18 Coat for a
- carpenter
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- One-time ring
- king
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- 33 Captain
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- colloquially
- Have to shell out 36
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- 42 Encouraging
- Firmly attached
- 44 Retaliate
- It's treated in a plant
- 46 Sioux tribe
- Inflate
- 49 Harsh cough 51 Frog feats
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- 54 Tailor's tuck
- 57 Supporting
- 58 Oldsmobile successor
- 59 Scale topper, often

will continue to do so. Bike parking at many Metro stations should be improved considerably.

I just bought my first road bike. What's a good trail for beginners?

Try the Capital Crescent Trail between Georgetown and Bethesda,

I've noticed that Virginia roads are mostly narrow with two lanes and no shoulder, while Maryland makes a shoulder and even paves it. Is there any hope that the Virginia **Department of Transportation will** ever build the roads better?

VDOT has had a policy of building paved shoulders on rural-section roads (no curb and gutter) since 1993, but few such roads are built in urbanized areas. In March, VDOT adopted a new bicycle and pedestrian policy that calls for providing appropriate bicycling accommodations in all new highway construction.

When riding in the street, what are a bicyclist's responsibilities toward car traffic, and vice versa?

Bicyclists have all the general rights and duties of drivers of vehicles. Motorists should respect bicyclists as part of traffic.

Today on Live Online

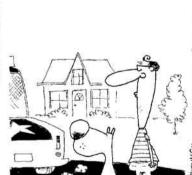
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II A.M.: WTOP political commentator Mark Plotkin discusses national and local politics.

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The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope | Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You may be overdoing it these days, and now is the time for you to regain control and let self-discipline get you back on track.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't be so changeable and unpredictable that others are unwilling to give you any individual authority. Don't stand in your own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - You won't be content doing the same old things — and you may be able to score a major victory in an unusual attempt. Be a little daring. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Your contribu-

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tion to another's cause will have a profound and lasting effect. Do what you can to do

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Take the lead and others will follow — though you needn't, for a while, explain where you are headed at all. Keep it a mystery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - What appears straightforward is not likely to be what it seems when all is said and done - and vice versa. Interpret carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - What are you waiting for? It's about time you make a move in the direction of your primary goal; if you don't you may lose sight of it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Working

out a tricky arrangement over the phone. long-distance, may actually be much simpler than expected. Trust is a major factor. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're bound to be surprised by something you most deserve. You'll find yourself in a position to share it with those around you. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Take care

you're not adding fuel to the fire as others engage in the sharing of rumors and other falsehoods. ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Take the ball

and run with it: what you do with your resources will make all the difference — and timing, again, is everything,

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is a good day to dispel those myths and fears that others are still promoting — about you in particular. It's time for more of the truth.

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